

**SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION
CODE OF ETHICS as of May, 2009**

Purpose

The commitment of each Board member to high ethical standards is required to ensure that the school board can responsibly fulfill its obligations and discharge its duties.

As a trustee:

1. I will be motivated by an earnest desire to serve my Division to the best of my ability to meet the educational needs of all students.
2. I will recognize that the expenditure of school funds is a public trust, and I will endeavour to see that the funds are expended efficiently, in the best interests of the students.
3. I will not use my position for personal advantage or to the advantage of any other individual apart from the total interest of the Division, and I will resist outside pressure to so use my position.
4. I will act with integrity, and do everything possible to maintain the dignity of the office of a trustee.
5. I will carry out my duties objectively, and I will consider all information and opinions presented to the Board in making my decisions, without bias.
6. I will work with other trustees in a spirit of respect, openness, co-operation and proper decorum, in spite of differences of opinion that arise during debate.
7. I will accept that authority rests with the Board and that I have no individual authority outside the Board, and I will abide by the majority decisions of the Board once they are made, but I shall be free to repeat the opinion that I upheld when the decision was made.
8. I will express any contrary opinion respectfully and honestly, and without making disparaging remarks, in or outside Board meetings, about other trustees or their opinions.
9. I will communicate, and conduct my relationship with staff, the community, other school boards and the media in a manner that focuses on facts.
10. I will not divulge confidential information, which I obtain in my capacity as a trustee, and I will not discuss those matters outside the meetings of the Board or the Board's committees.

11. I will endeavour to participate in trustee development opportunities to enhance my ability to fulfill my obligations as a trustee.
12. I will not conduct myself in a manner which is intended to be to the detriment of another school board.
13. I will support the value of public education, and will endeavour to participate, and encourage my Board to participate, in activities that support or promote public education in Saskatchewan.

Reference: Sections 68, 69, 70 Education Act